



# SONIC

## THE HEDGEHOG

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Welcome to this exclusive Sonic and Olympic event! We take a break from the regular adventures of the world's fastest hedgehog to find him and his friends preparing for the Olympics!

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## THE HEDGEHOG

### Who's Who

**IN ANOTHER TIME, IN ANOTHER PLACE...**

### LET THE OLYMPIC GAMES BEGIN!

Sonic the Hedgehog and his pals are the shining beacon of hope for a world ravaged by the evil schemes of the insidious Dr. Eggman!

The mad doctor has made various attempts to spread chaos and fear, including turning living beings to robots, breaking the very planet itself to pieces, flooding cities, and using aliens as intergalactic gasoline to name but a few! What's his problem, anyway?! No matter what the scheme, Sonic, Tails, Amy Rose and all the other heroes of the planet have pulled through and preserved the peace!

The super speed of Sonic the Hedgehog has foiled the plots of Dr. Eggman, sure, but Sonic now has the opportunity to use his abilities to compete in the Olympic Games! And that's not all - Sonic's super friends have joined in on the competition to form the most powerful display of athletic talent ever!

All that power in one arena can mean only one thing: Dr. Eggman will be on the prowl, and there's only one true blue hero that can stop him...



**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**  
SUPER SPEEDY HERO



**MILES "TAILS" PROWER**  
SONIC'S BEST BUDDY



**DR. EGGMAN**  
EVIL GENIUS



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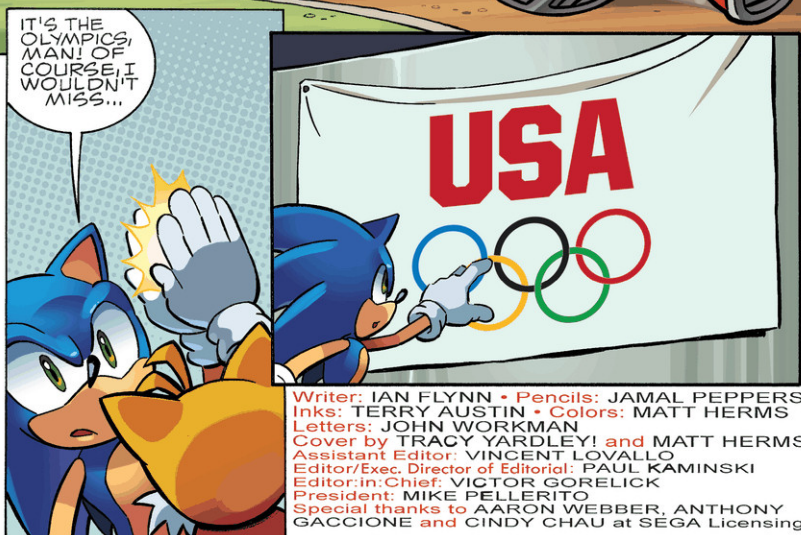
ANOTHER TIME,  
ANOTHER PLACE...

WHERE  
IS SONIC?  
IF HE'S ANY  
LATER, HE'S  
GOING TO  
MISS...

# Olympic TRIALS

THERE  
YOU ARE!  
I KNEW  
YOU  
WOULDN'T  
MISS  
OUT!

IT'S THE  
OLYMPICS,  
MAN! OF  
COURSE, I  
WOULDN'T  
MISS...



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"SPEAKING OF WHICH  
--CUBOT! WHAT'S  
THE STATUS ON THE  
CHAOTIX?"



"WELL,  
BOSS, I  
RECKON..."



STROKE!

STROKIT-  
STROKE!

STROKE-  
STROKE-  
STROKE!

CHARMY!  
YOU'RE  
SUPPOSED  
TO GET THE  
RHYTHM!

I AM!  
THIS IS A  
BEAT  
YOU CAN  
DANCE  
TO!

SOME-  
THING  
IS STRANGE  
ABOUT THIS  
BOAT...

I'LL  
GIVE  
YOU A  
BEAT!

CLANG!

CLANG!  
SNEAK  
ATTACK!

"...YOU COULD  
SAY THEY'RE  
UP A CREEK  
WITHOUT A  
PADDLE."



HELP!  
LET US  
OUT!





"BWA-HA-HA!  
EXCELLENT! AND  
WHAT OF THE  
EQUIPMENT FOR  
THE HAMMER-  
THROW?"



"FOR INSTANCE  
--THE HOT-  
HEADED  
KNUCKLES..."



STEP BACK, YOU  
TWO. YOU DON'T  
WANT TO BE IN MY  
WAY WHEN I START  
SWINGIN'!

"I OPTED  
TO INCLUDE  
SOME DEEPER  
MEANINGS  
IN THEIR  
DEPLOY-  
MENT."



"...REALLY  
NEEDS  
TO GET  
A GRIP."



"FOR THE SUPER-PSYCHIC SILVER, HE OUGHT TO LEARN..."



KNUCKLES!

deet!  
deet!  
deet!

BOOM

"...NOT TO LET THAT POWER GO TO HIS HEAD."



"AND AS FOR BIG, WELL..."



"...THE BIGGER THEY ARE, THE HARDER THEY FALL..."



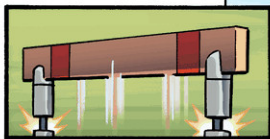
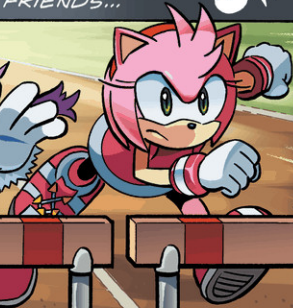
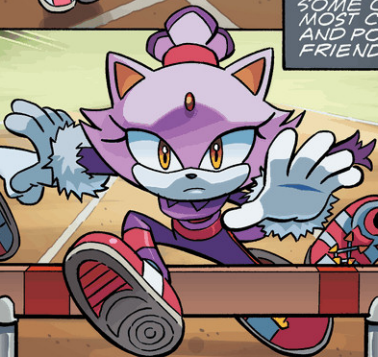
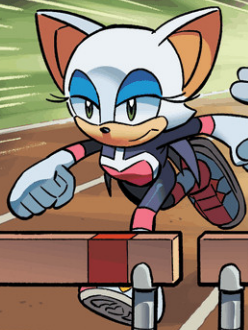
...I DON'T RECKON I FOLLOW ANY O' THAT..."



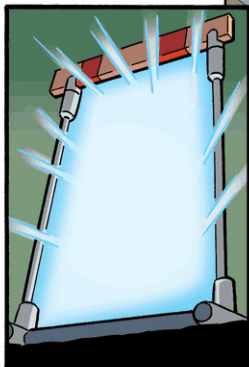
"MMM, MODESTLY  
IMPRESSIVE  
EFFORTS-- BUT  
NOTHING COM-  
PARED  
TO MY  
PLAN!"



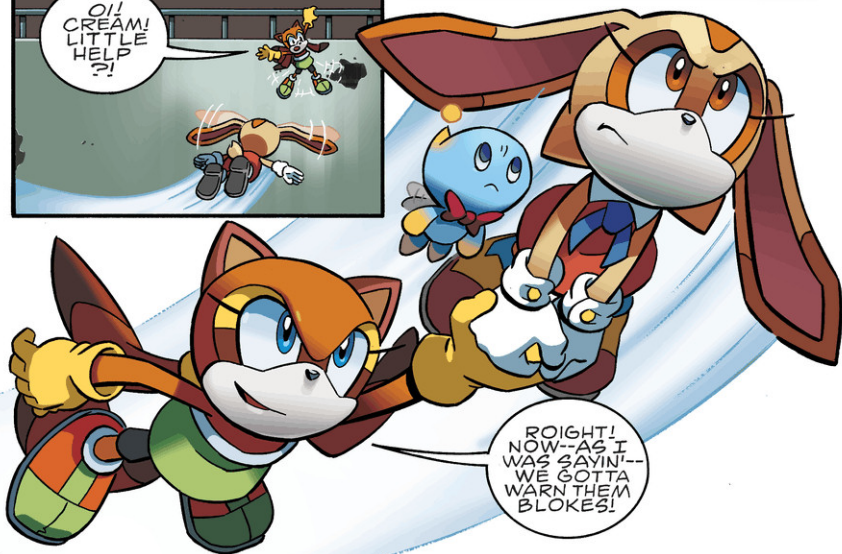
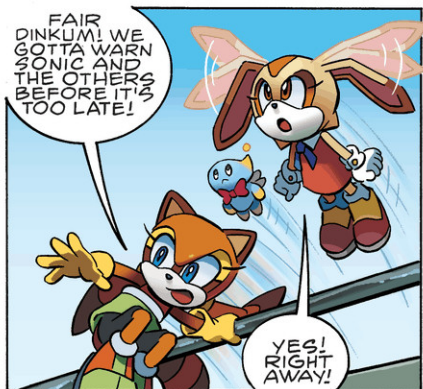
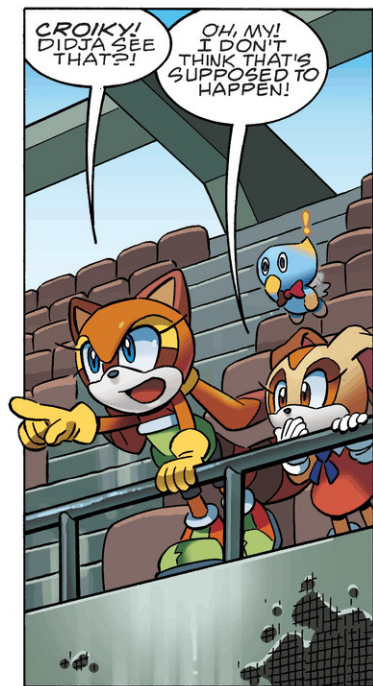
"TO ENSNARE  
SOME OF SONIC'S  
MOST CUNNING  
AND POWERFUL  
FRIENDS..."



"...I EMPLOYED  
MY FINEST TELE-  
PORTER-TRAP  
TECHNOLOGY!"



"MOMENTUM-  
BASED PHYSICS  
CAN BE A BAD  
THING AFTER  
ALL!"







MEANWHILE...



YOU'RE UP FOR THE LONG-JUMP, FAKER.

I KNOW.

AND NO USING CHAOS CONTROL TO CHEAT.

I WON'T.

I MEAN IT. THAT'D BE LAME.

...HE USED HIS TAILS, YOU KNOW.

HE TOTALLY DIDN'T.

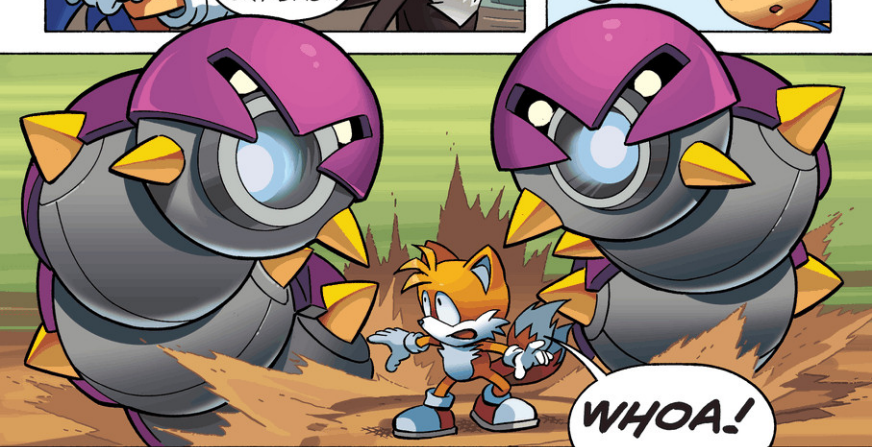
YOU CAN SHUT UP AT ANY TIME.

ULTIMATE CRY-BABY.

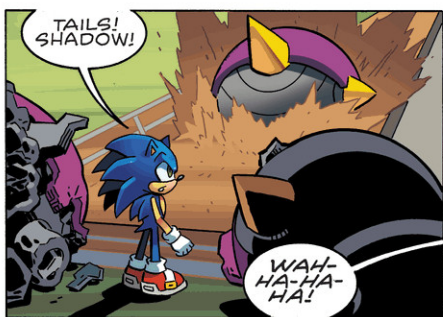
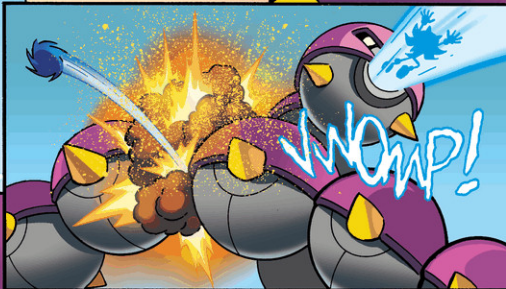
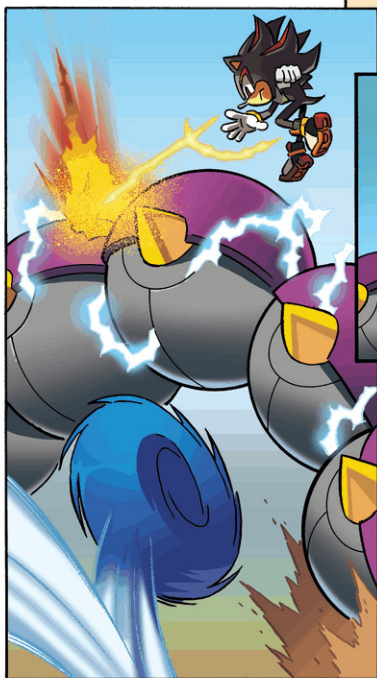


O!! SONIC! THE WHOLE PLACE IS RIGGED WITH EGG-MAN'S TRAPS!

WHAT --?



WHOA!





A large, muscular character with orange spiky hair, wearing a black and white striped referee shirt and black pants, stands with a confident, smug expression. He is holding a small, blue and white robot in his right hand. In the background, several other robots are visible, some of which are holding Sonic the Hedgehog's friends.

IT'S OVER, HEDGEHOG!  
BEHOLD! IT WAS I--  
DR. EGGMAN--IN  
DISGUISE ALL  
ALONG!

A close-up of Sonic the Hedgehog's face. He has a determined but slightly questioning expression, looking upwards.

NO,  
REALLY,  
Y'THINK?

A close-up of Eggman's face as he points his right index finger directly at Sonic. He has a taunting, confident grin.

I'VE CAPTURED  
ALL OF YOUR  
FRIENDS, SONIC!  
THE DAY IS  
MINE!

A close-up of Eggman's face as he points his right index finger directly at Sonic. He has a taunting, confident grin.

PFFT! LIKE  
I HAVEN'T  
FREED A  
BUNCH OF  
MY FRIENDS FROM  
YOU BEFORE!  
IT'S THE  
OLYMPICS, DOC!

A close-up of Sonic the Hedgehog's face. He is looking up at Eggman with a slight smile, appearing to be in a playful or confident mood.

WHERE'S  
YOUR SPIRIT OF  
COMPETITION?

A close-up of Sonic the Hedgehog's face. He is looking up at Eggman with a slight smile, appearing to be in a playful or confident mood.

COMPETITION?  
I ALREADY  
WON!

A close-up of Eggman's hand as he points his right index finger directly at Sonic. He has a taunting, confident grin.

PUH-LEEZE,  
YOU AND ME,  
ONE-ON-ONE,  
WINNER TAKES  
ALL. OF COURSE,  
IF YOU'RE  
AFRAID OF  
LOSING TO  
ME AGAIN...

A close-up of Sonic the Hedgehog's face. He is looking up at Eggman with a slight smile, appearing to be in a playful or confident mood.

BAH! I WILL  
WIN, CAPTURE  
YOU, AND CLAIM  
OLYMPIC  
GLORY FOR  
MYSELF!

A close-up of Eggman's hand as he points his right index finger directly at Sonic. He has a taunting, confident grin.

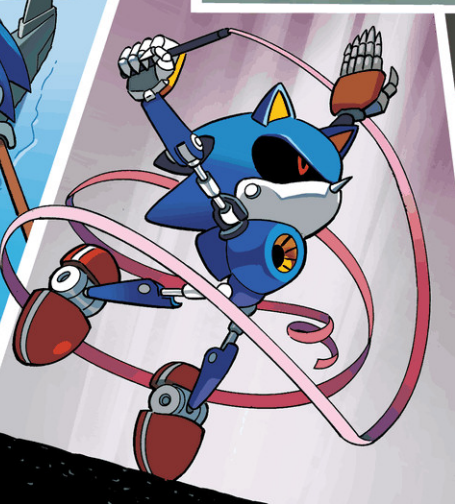
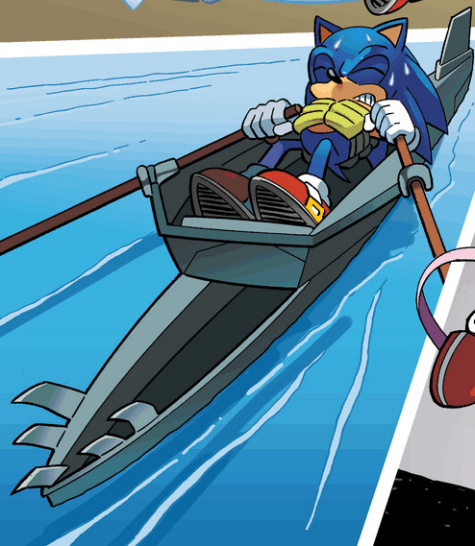
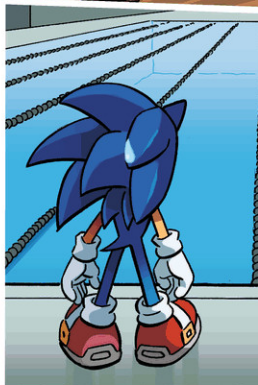
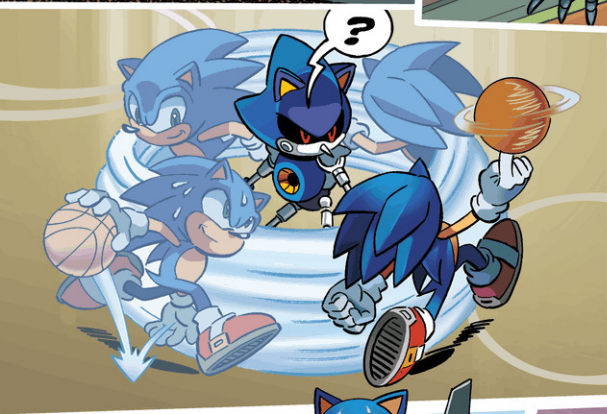
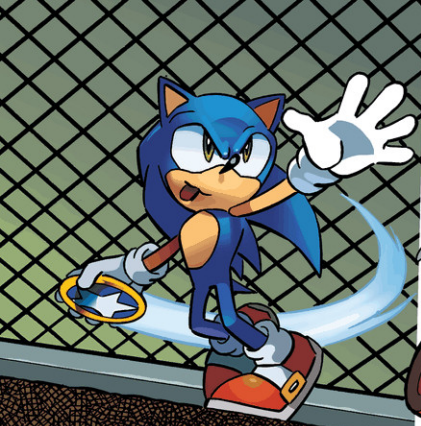
BUT SINCE I  
HAVE A WEAK  
BACK--OR SOME-  
THING--I'M CALL-  
ING IN MY  
REPLACEMENT...

A close-up of Eggman's hand as he points his right index finger directly at Sonic. He has a taunting, confident grin.

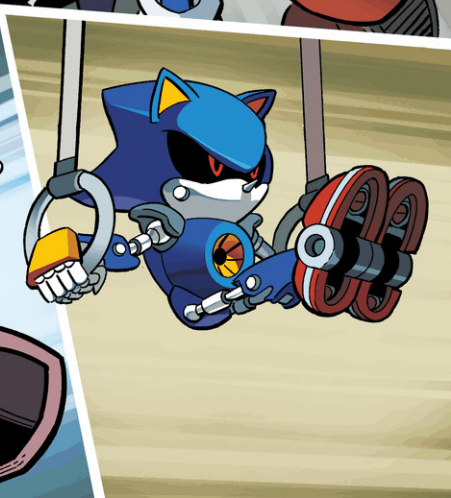
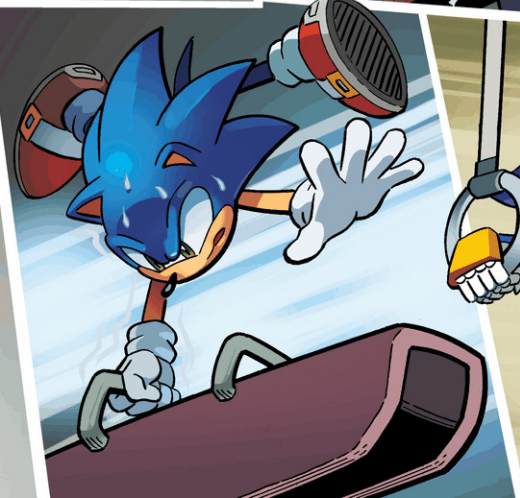
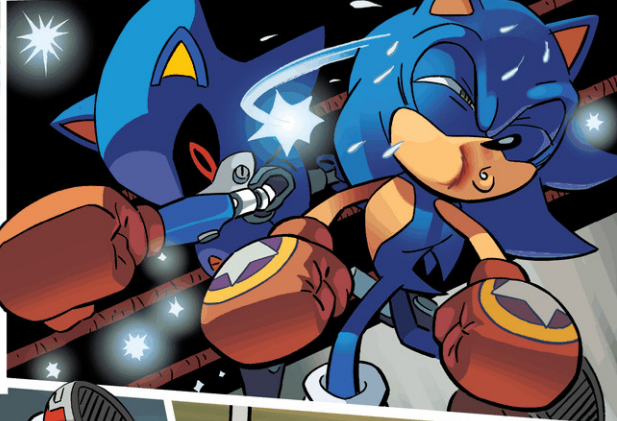
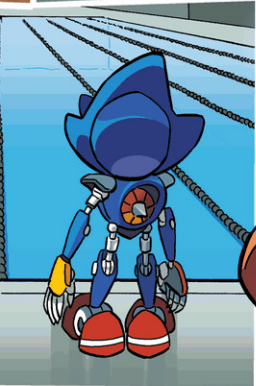
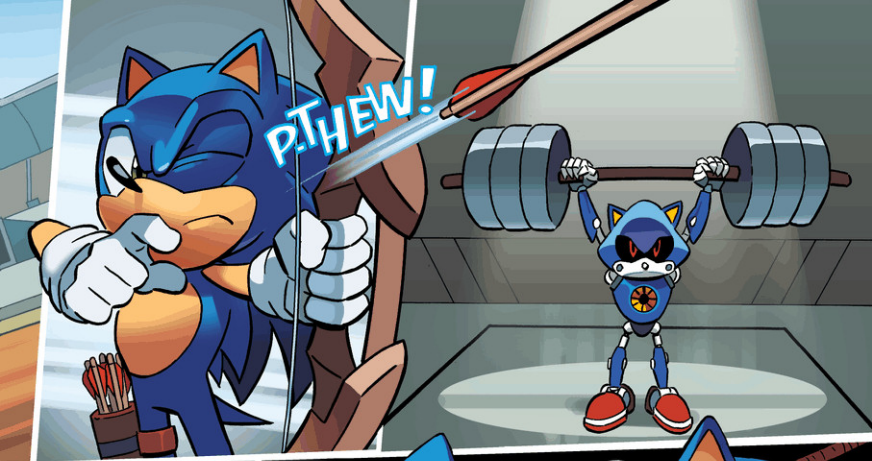
...METAL  
SONIC!

A close-up of Sonic the Hedgehog's face. He is looking up at Eggman with a slight smile, appearing to be in a playful or confident mood.

FIGURES.

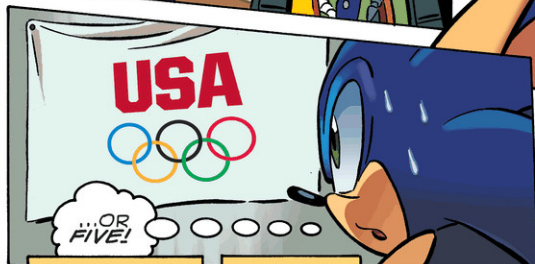






ONLY  
ONE MORE EVENT,  
RODENT! THE HUNDRED-  
METER DASH! WHAT'S  
THE MATTER? AREN'T  
YOU EXCITED?  
HA HA HA!

GOING TOE-TO-LUGNUT  
WITH METAL SONIC IS HARD  
ENOUGH, BUT DOING  
EVERY OLYMPIC EVENT IN  
ONE DAY IS TOO MUCH! I'VE  
GOT NOTHING LEFT! IF ONLY  
I HAD A RING...



...OR  
FIVE!

IN THE SPIRIT  
OF HOPE...

...FRIEND-  
SHIP...

...UNITY...

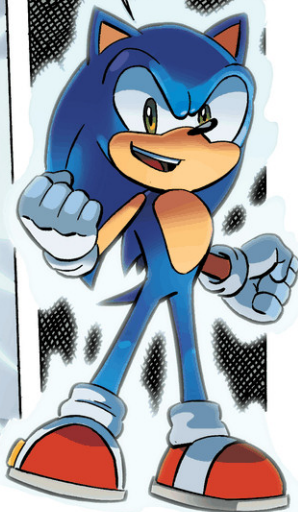


...PEACE...

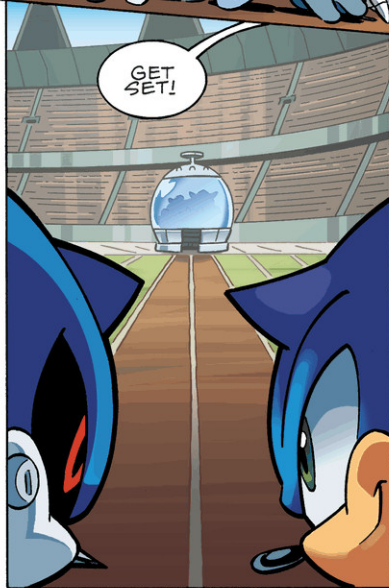
...AND  
COMPETITION...

...BE EM-  
POWERED  
WITH THE  
OLYMPIC  
SPIRIT!

GAME  
ON!







I-IMPOSSIBLE!

ALL EVIDENCE  
TO THE CON-  
TRARY, BOSS.

WE  
BETTER  
GET THE  
HECK  
OUTTA  
DODGE,  
PARD-  
NER!

WAY TO GO, SONIC!  
ALTHOUGH AFTER  
ALL THAT, ARE YOU  
GOING TO SIT-OUT  
THE REAL  
OLYMPICS?

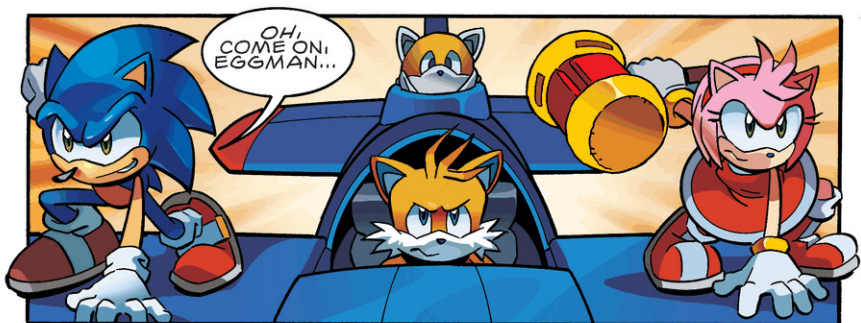
ARE YOU  
KIDDING  
?

THAT  
WAS TONS  
OF FUN! NO  
WAY I'M  
WAITING  
FOUR YEARS  
TO DO IT  
AGAIN!

AND SO ENDS  
OUR OLYMPIC  
ADVENTURE!  
COME BACK  
NEXT TIME AS WE  
REJOIN SONIC,  
TAILS, AMY, AND  
KNUCKLES IN  
ALL-NEW EPIC  
ADVENTURE!

UNTIL THEN,  
DON'T MISS  
OUT ON  
SONIC  
UNIVERSE, THE  
SONIC  
SUPER SPECIAL  
MAGAZINE, SONIC  
SUPER DIGEST, AND  
THE ENTIRE  
GRAPHIC  
NOVEL  
LIBRARY!



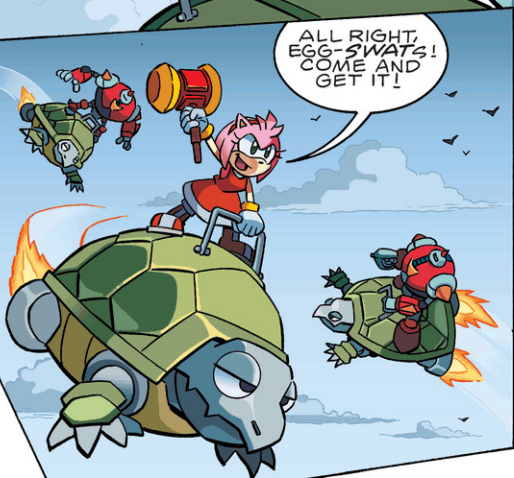
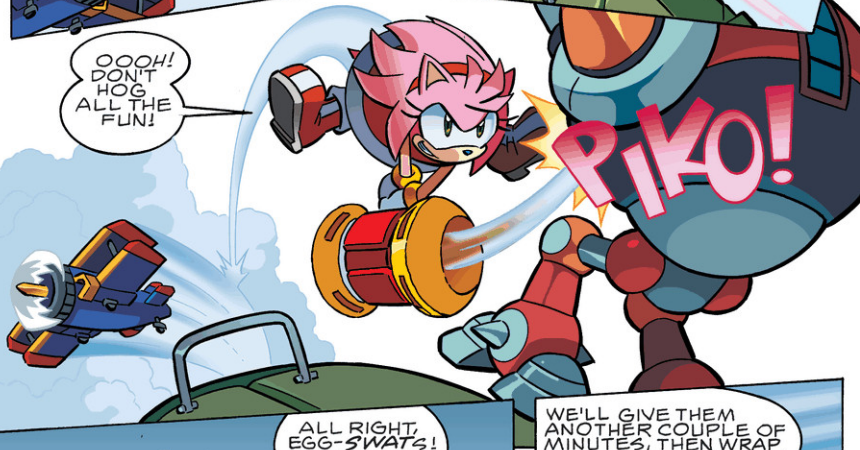
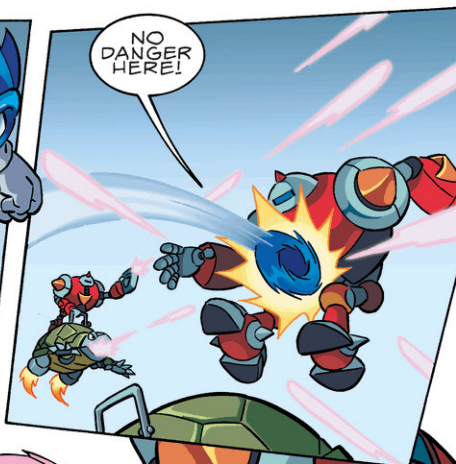


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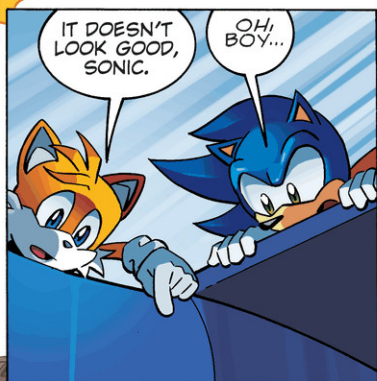
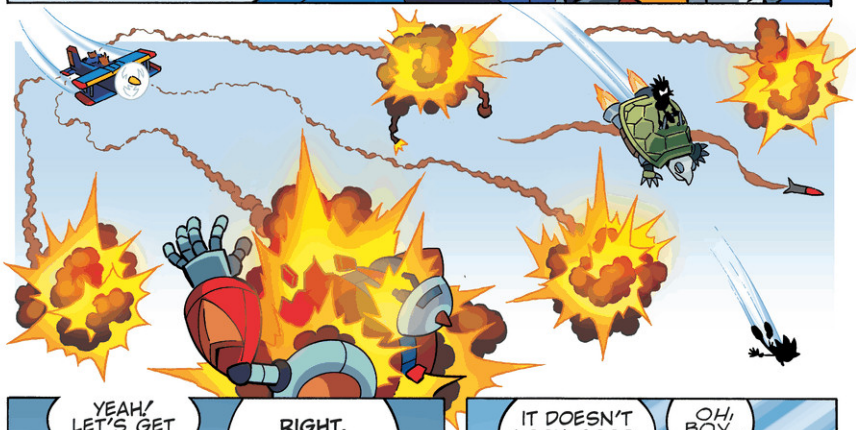
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\*THIS TAKES PLACE AFTER  
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #241!







MEANWHILE, IN A SECRET  
BASE OF OPERATIONS ON  
ANGEL ISLAND...

THERE,  
YOU'RE  
COMING  
THROUGH FINE.  
I'M ALSO  
PICKING UP  
ALL OF  
THE OTHER  
STATIONS.

HRGGH  
...GOOD.  
TECH  
STUFF IS  
**NOT**  
MY  
THING.

I  
KNOW.  
IF I  
MAY  
ASK...

WHY GO TO ALL THIS  
TROUBLE? I DIDN'T  
THINK YOU AGREED  
WITH YOUR  
ANCESTORS'  
WAYS, AND  
WHEN  
YOU--

-- LOST  
CONTROL  
AND TRIED  
TO WIPE  
YOU OUT?  
I KNOW, AND  
I'M **VERY**  
**SORRY**  
FOR  
THAT.

NORMALLY, I'D LIKE  
TO KEEP THINGS  
SIMPLE, BUT WITH HALF  
THE CHAOTIX GONE  
LOOKING FOR MIGHTY  
AND RAY, XX I NEED ALL  
THE HELP I CAN GET  
MONITORING THE  
ISLAND.

**\*\*SEE SONIC UNIVERSE  
# 46-49 FOR THE  
COMPLETE "CHAOTIX  
QUEST" STORY!\*\***

I UNDERSTAND,  
AND YOU CHOOSING  
ME TO TEST OUT YOUR  
SYSTEMS IS... WELL, I  
APPRECIATE THE TRUST.  
I EVEN--HOLD ON, I'M  
DETECTING ANOTHER  
SIGNAL TRYING TO  
REACH YOU.

ANOTHER  
SIGNAL? WHO'D  
BE TRYING TO  
REACH ME  
HERE?



--DON'T KNOW  
IF ANYONE WILL  
KSSHK! WE ARE  
UNDER WRR-  
RRT! REPEAT.  
UNDER ATTACK.  
ZZZT! DEATH  
EGG KSSSHK!  
DARK EGG  
KSSHK!  
SEND HELP.

THIS MESSAGE KSHIT! TO  
LOOP. THIS IS REM--ZZT!  
FROM KSHIT! I DON'T  
KNOW IF ANY...KSSSHK!<

MY PEOPLE...  
THE LAST OF  
MY KIND --  
THE ONES I  
FAILED...  
BETRAYED...

BUT I'M THE GUARDIAN.  
THEY NEED MY HELP, AND IT'S  
MY DUTY TO SAVE THEM.  
EVEN IF IT WILL BE HARD  
TO LOOK THEM IN THE  
EYE. I BETTER RALLY THE  
GIRLS AND GET MOVING--

HEROES AND VILLAINS  
CLASH AND UNITE  
NEXT TIME IN THE EPIC  
ADVENTURE  
"ENDANGERED  
SPECIES!"

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## LETTERS

DUE TO THE OVERWHELMING AMOUNT OF FAN RESPONSE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO REPLY TO EACH FAN. SPACE LIMITATIONS MAY REQUIRE SOME PRINTED LETTERS TO BE EDITED. ALL YOUR LETTERS ARE APPRECIATED!

**Dear Sonic-Grams,**  
This is the comic book series that went from awesome to awesomer. I have a super fast question for you, so do you think you're fast enough to answer?

**I'm a quick draw. You can say that I'm supersonic speedy!**

How many Metal Sonics has Eggman made?

**Well, there are many alternate versions of Metal Sonic, and they are all a part of a series. As for the most recent Metal Sonic, his model has been built about six times now! You can check out the entire list in the Sonic Comic Encyclopedia, available wherever fine books are sold! Plugplugplug**

I plan on making a comic book series too some day so get ready!

**Can't wait to see what you've got in store!**

P.S: Since decimals are fair game I wanted to say I'm Sonic's #1.1 fan and if that's taken then #1.2 is cool too, and ever since you guys posted issue 200 your covers have gotten Awesomer. Keep getting Awesomer!

Your fan,  
Patrick G. from Washington

**Thanks for writing in, Patrick! We will continue down our path of awesome!**

**Dear Sonic-Grams,**  
Just wanted to ask some questions which I hope you guys will answer for me.

**You've got Sonic-questions, we've got Sonic-answers!**

First off, have you guys ever made a book on how to draw Sonic characters? I used to draw him all the time but got preoccupied for a while and lost my Sonic drawing talent.

**A "How to draw Sonic" book, huh? That's a great idea! Maybe one day!**

I really wanna apply for a job when I'm old enough (and if I get that good at drawing).

**Keep practicing your skills and take drawing classes! That's how Sonic comic artists like Tracy Yardley and Patrick Spaziente got so good!**

Anyway I also wanted to ask if you guys sell old comics. I know you can buy old digital comics on your website but I haven't found the ones I'm looking for.

**Check out the Sonic Archives! Those graphic novels collect all of the classic Sonic comic stories ever**

**produced, as well as the Sonic Select series, which is great to catch up on the classic specials. Both series are available now in fine book stores and online!**

I really like Tracy Yardley and Steven Butler's artwork. I have also been enjoying the saga of Ixis Naugus and the Secret Freedom Fighters. I thought it was cool that Tails, Silver, and Scourge got their own Sonic Universe arcs. Have you thought of making one for Blaze or Vector?

**You can catch Vector and the rest of the Chaotix in the upcoming Sonic Universe four-part story arc "Chaotix Quest" starting this November!**

Anyway I really wanted to email you guys and hopefully you'll reply if you have time.

Joey E.  
from Utah

**Thanks for writing in, Joey! You're a super fan!**

**That's all the room we have! Come back in 30 for more awesome Sonic stories! See y'all next month!**

## NEXT ISSUE: 243



### TERROR IN THE SKIES!

TEAM FIGHTERS FOLLOW THE DEATH EGG TO A CITY OF RUINS WHERE AN ALL NEW ENEMY IS UNLEASHED!  
**"ENDANGERED SPECIES PART 1 (of 4)"**  
ON SALE THE WEEK OF 12/11/12

## NEXT SONIC UNIVERSE: 46



A BRAND NEW STORY ARC BEGINS!  
**CHAOTIX QUEST PART 1 (of 4)**  
ON SALE THE WEEK OF 11/27/12



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